



## **Arlington Council on Aging**

### **Agenda**

*Date: Thursday March 23, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm*

***Location: This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. Attendees can attend in person at the Arlington Community Center or virtually via zoom. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Please call 781-316-3401 or e-mail [KShah@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:KShah@town.arlington.ma.us) for the link to join the meeting which can be accessed by computer with internet access or by telephone for audio access only.***

*Kristine Shah, Executive Director*

*Michael Quinn, Chair*

*Sheila Connerney, Secretary*

*The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.*

1. Call to order
2. Citizen's Open Forum
3. Minutes of the February 2023 meeting for approval
4. Executive Director's Report
6. Report of the Chair
7. Parking Discussion & Presentation
8. Minuteman Senior Services Report
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Other Community Announcements
13. Adjourn - **Next meeting: April 27, 2023 (due to school vacation week)**

## **Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah**

- I. COA Programs & Services Update
  - a. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Planned for May 4
  - b. Older American's Luncheon May 18, Summer Tea June 15
  - c. Scam Presentation with APD was extremely successful on March 9. 70 people attended and participated in vibrant discussion.
  - d. Thank you to Nancy Feeney for connecting us with the Rotary. Spring Yard Clean-Up Services will be available thanks to their volunteers.
  - e. Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief decisions were made by the committee on March 14 and \$18,000 will be distributed through this program in the form of tax abatements on Q4 tax bills. Thanks to Nancy & Rick for serving on this committee.
  - f. We received an anonymous \$20,000 donation to be added to our newly established Emergency Fund.
  - g. AARP Tax Preparation is fully booked for the season and appointments are in high demand.
  - h. We are working with MMSS to add a day for Congregate Lunches.
- II. Other
  - a. COA Staff Highlight; Lourie August, Social Worker
  - b. APCAC Recruitment Wording – to be included in April Newsletter, on flyers, and publicized

### **Civilian Police Advisory Commission: Seeking Letters of Interest**

Arlington is in the process of forming a Civilian Police Advisory Commission (ACPAC) for the first time following approval of the Attorney General's Office and requisite posting of bylaw revisions (Title II, Article 16). The Council on Aging is charged with nominating one qualified person to serve on this commission, subject to confirmation by the Town Manager. The Council on Aging Board will review letters of interest received, and choose a nominee.

### **What is the Arlington Civilian Police Advisory Commission?**

As described in Title II, Article 16: The ACPAC will consist of nine (9) members charged with providing an opportunity for increased understanding and trust between the community and the Arlington Police Department, assist members of the public as a resource in the event they have complaints, concerns, or commendations about policing in Arlington or specific police personnel, and to provide the Arlington Police Department and Town management with a public forum for feedback about police personnel, policies, procedures and data.

### **What Qualifications are Necessary?**

As described in Title II, Article 16: Nominees must be Arlington residents and shall reflect racial, ethnic, gender, sexual, age, and other forms of diversity in Arlington. The Commission is especially looking to include residents with the following specific experiences:

- Criminal defense or civil rights relative to police searches, arrests, or detainments;
- Data Analysis; and/or
- Working with underserved communities such as, but not limited to social workers, mental health counselors, or civil forms of legal aid.

As described in Title II, Article 16: The following persons are not eligible for service:

- Current compensated employees of the Town, including Arlington Police Department police officers and employees;
- Current or former municipal police officers; and
- Immediate family members of current or former Arlington Police Department employees.

Members will be required to receive significant training on a variety of subjects outlined in Title II, Art. 16, sec. C of the Town Bylaws in addition to conflict of interest and open meeting law trainings.

If you are interested in serving on the ACPAC please submit a letter of interest, **by May 1, 2023**, to:

Council on Aging

Attn: Board

27 Maple Street

Arlington, MA 02476

or by e-mail to [KShah@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:KShah@town.arlington.ma.us)